11 APR 21 2004 ES 8 8

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s)

Kazuo SOGA et al.

Serial Number

10/053,959

Filed

January 24, 2002

For

PIPING STRUCTURE OF CRAWLER DRIVING

HYDRAULIC MOTOR

Examiner

Group Art Unit

Jeffrey J. Restifo

RECEIVED

: 3618

APR 2 6 2004

GROUP 3600

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 21, 2004

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed October 21, 2003. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, and a Petition for One-month Extension of Time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before April 21, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as set forth on the following pages.